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SUBJECT: FDA-GOM SHELLFISH AGREEMENT

1. NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA, DEPT COMMERCE, HAS RECENTLY LEARNED THAT MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH FDA TO EXPORT FRESH SHELLFISH (OYSTERS, CLAMS, AND MUSSELS) TO THE UNITED STATES.

2. IN ORDER TO COMMENT ON PROPOSED AGREEMENT, NMFS REQUESTS ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY BE ABLE TO OBTAIN REGARDING CONDITIONS IN MEXICAN WATERS OR IN MEXICAN-GROWN SHELLFISH WHICH MIGHT RESULT IN INTRODUCTION INTO U.S. WATERS OF VIRUSES, PARASITES OR OTHER DISEASES THAT MAY BE DETRIMENTAL TO DOMESTIC SHELLFISH STOCKS. IN DEVELOPING INFORMATION, POST IS REQUESTED TO MAKE INQUIRY IN DISCREET AND LOW-KEYED MANNER SO AS TO AVOID STIMULATING UNDUE CONCERN ON PART OF GOM OR MEXICAN INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES.

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3. NMFS WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN SAMPLES OF MEXICAN SHELLFISH, PARTICULARLY OYSTERS AND CLAMS FOR ANALYSIS. WOULD APPRECIATE REGFISHATT SUGGESTIONS ON HOW U.S. COULD OBTAIN SAMPLES FROM SHELLFISH AREAS WHERE EXPORTS TO U.S. WOULD LIKELY ORIGINATE. INGERSOLL

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